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The Honorable Jody Weis
Chicago Police Department
3510 S. Michigan
Chicago, Illinois 60653

Dear Superintendent Weis:

I am appalled to learn no charges have been filed in the homicide of Anthony Kyser who was reportedly chased down an alley, beaten and strangled to death by employees of a CVS pharmacy in the Little Village neighborhood on May 8 2010. The man's mother has contacted my office to ask that I help her pursue justice for her son.

Why is the police department ignoring the murder of an unarmed citizen in broad daylight on the streets of Chicago? Mr. Kyser was not afforded due process. He was deliberately chased from a store where he was reportedly beaten and strangled to death by a CVS store manager and others. Despite eyewitness accounts and a ruling from the medical examiner that his death was, in fact, a homicide the police have not filed charges with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office as of this writing. Such inaction is iniquitous. Has the Chicago Police Department determined that Mr. Kyser's was a justifiable homicide?

Vigilante justice has no place in Chicago. I am asking the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County State's Attorney to stop playing political hot potato with this case and to file charges against those responsible for this man's homicide otherwise a U.S. Justice Department investigation may be warranted. Feel free to contact me regarding this matter at my District Office at 773-224-6500 or in Washington, D.C. at 202-225-4372. I look forward to immediate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby L. Rush".

Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress